

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17: CRIMES**  
**Chapter 13-A: BEANO OR BINGO**

**§314. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; FEES**

The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate beano or bingo games to any volunteer fire department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans' organization that was in existence and founded, chartered or organized in the State at least 2 years prior to its application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of that organization by duly authorized members. The Chief of the State Police may also issue a license to any auxiliary associated with an organization, department or association qualified for a license under this section if the auxiliary was founded, chartered or organized in this State and has been in existence at least 2 years before applying for a license and the games are sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of the auxiliary by duly authorized members of the auxiliary. Proceeds from any game conducted by the auxiliary or the auxiliary's parent organization may not be used to provide salaries, wages or other remuneration to members, officers or employees of the auxiliary or its parent organization, except as provided in sections 326 and 1838. The 2 years' limitation does not apply to any organizations in this State having a charter from a national organization, or auxiliaries of those organizations, even though the organizations have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application for a license. The 2 years' limitation does not apply to any volunteer fire department or rescue unit or auxiliary of that department or unit. A license may be issued to an agricultural fair association when sponsored, operated and conducted for the benefit of such agricultural fair association. [2009, c. 487, Pt. B, §5 (AMD) .]

The fee for such a license to any nonprofit organization is \$12.00 for each calendar week, or portion thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee of \$36.00 or a calendar year for a fee of \$400. A special per-game license may be issued to any qualified nonprofit organization for the purposes of operating a game of "beano" or "bingo" for a fee of \$5.00. The special per-game license may not be issued more than 6 times to any one organization in a calendar year. All license fees must be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. A license is not assignable or transferable. Nothing contained in this section may be construed to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, veterans' organization or auxiliary of any of them from obtaining licenses for a period not to exceed 6 months on one application. No more than one license may be issued to any organization for any one period. Except as provided in section 315-A, no more than one licensee may operate or conduct a game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same premises on the same date. [2013, c. 305, §1 (AMD) .]

All fees required by this chapter shall accompany the application for a license. Fees submitted as license fees shall be refunded if the license is not issued. Fees shall not be refunded for unused licenses or for any license which is suspended or revoked as provided by this chapter. [1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW). 1977, c. 696, §365 (AMD). 1981, c. 395, (AMD). 1983, c. 610, (AMD). 1987, c. 197, §2 (AMD). 1991, c. 87, §§1,2 (AMD). 1991, c. 528, §H1 (AMD). 1991, c. 528, §RRR (AFF). 1991, c. 591, §H1 (AMD). 1993, c. 45, §1 (AMD). 1995, c. 677, §4 (AMD). 1997, c. 684, §1 (AMD). 1999, c. 63, §1 (AMD). 2009, c. 487, Pt. B, §5 (AMD). 2013, c. 305, §1 (AMD).

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